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PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant(s): **Helena G. Koay**
Case: **Koay 1**
Serial No.: **09/243,269** Filed: **February 03, 1999**
Examiner: **Jasper Kwoh** Group Art Unit: **2663**
Title: **AUTOMATIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINK
IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM**

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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SIR:

This is the Applicant's interview summary of a telephone interview with the
Examiner of July 24, 2003.

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Date of Interview: 24 July 2003

Type: Telephonic

Claim(s) discussed: 28 and 48

Identification of prior art discussed: Liang et al. and Judd et al..

Agreement with respect to claims: was reached.

Substance of Interview including description of general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached or any other comments:

In the telephone interview, the Applicant and the Examiner agreed that if the Applicant's discussed definition of perception was in fact supported in the Specification as discussed, then the Applicant's invention is distinguishable over the references. The Applicant verbally submitted to the Examiner that the definition of perception in at least the Applicant's claims 28 and 48 was directed at least in part to a network device transmitting to a neighboring network device an indication of what communications path the neighboring network device would use or was using to communicate with the transmitting device. The receiving neighboring device would then in response transmit to the transmitting device an indication of what communications path it was in fact using to communicate with the transmitting device and as such, provide verification for the transmitting devices perception. As such, the Applicant agreed to and in a response to the Final Office Action did in fact make clear the definition of perception in claims 28 and 48 by referring to the Specification and distinguished how "perception" in the Applicant's claims is different than the topology rows mentioned in the reference. The Applicant further pointed out in the response to the Final Office Action how the references failed to teach, suggest or describe transmitting a perception of the neighboring devices communications paths as taught and claimed by the Applicant's invention.

In addition, the Applicant agreed to fix the drawings to include alarm processing means.

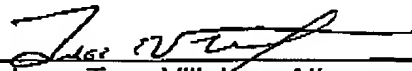
There was no agreement to amend the claims because the Applicant's invention is novel as claimed. There was just an agreement to make clear the definition of "perception" and point out the support for the inventive definition in the Applicant's Specification.

The amended and corrected drawing is attached to this Interview Summary.

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If the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Jorge Tony Villabon, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 x1131 or Eamon J. Wall, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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